



## **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)**

**Date** Friday 8 January 2021  
**Time** 9.30 am  
**Venue** Remote Meeting - This meeting is being held remotely via Microsoft Teams

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### **Business**

#### **Part A**

#### **Items which are open to the Public and Press**

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Substitutes.
3. Minutes of the meetings held on 5 October 2020 (Pages 3 - 6)
4. Declarations of interest, if any
5. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration
6. Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of items containing exempt information

#### **Part B**

#### **Items during which it is considered the meeting will not be open to the public (consideration of exempt or confidential information)**

7. Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (Pages 7 - 18)
8. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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21 December 2020

To: **The Members of the General Licensing and Registration  
Sub-Committee (1)**

Councillor L Marshall (Chair)

Councillors B Kellett, I McLean, A Reed and A Willis

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**DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Monday 5 October 2020** at **9.30 am**

**Present:**

**Councillor L Marshall (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors B Kellett, I McLean, A Reed and A Willis

**1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2 Substitutes**

There were no substitute Members.

**3 Minutes of the meetings held on 29 July 2020**

The minutes of the meetings held on 29 July 2020 at 9.30 am and 1.30 pm were agreed as a correct record to be signed by the Chair.

**4 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5 Exclusion of the public**

**Resolved:**

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1,2,3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

## **6 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver**

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change to determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask the Licensing Enforcement Officer questions. The Licence Holder raised a query in relation to a reference in the report which stated that contact with Licensing Services took place in August 2019. The Licensing Officer responded that the reference may have been a typing error, with the contact taking place in August 2020 as opposed to August 2019.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers.

After all parties were given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Licence Holder was advised that Members of the Sub-Committee would retire to deliberate the application in private and the Licence Holder would be notified of their decision later in the day.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 9.55 am.

### **Resolved:**

That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a six-month period.

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (1)** held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Monday 5 October 2020** at **1.30 pm**

**Present:**

**Councillor L Marshall in the Chair**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors B Kellett, I McLean, A Reed and A Willis

**1 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2 Substitutes**

There were no substitute Members.

**3 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4 Exclusion of the public**

**Resolved:**

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1,2,3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**5 Consideration of the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver**

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change to determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report and Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask the Licensing Enforcement Officer questions.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members and Officers.

After all parties were given the opportunity to make a closing statement, the Licence Holder was advised that Members of the Sub-Committee would retire to deliberate the application in private and the Licence Holder would be notified of their decision later in the day.

The Sub-Committee retired to deliberate the application in private at 1.45 pm.

**Resolved:**

That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver's licence be suspended for a period of 3 months.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1, 2, 3, 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A  
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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